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Title: Damascene Method Employing Composite Etch Stop Layer	
Group Art Unit: 1765	Examiner: Vinh, L.
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

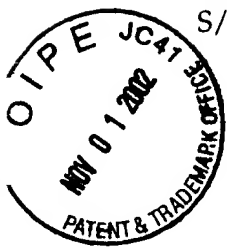
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